



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many employers require their employees to be at
3 least 18 years of age, and this leaves many youth at a
4 disadvantage in finding work; and

5 WHEREAS, It is very difficult to find a job without
6 previous working experience; and

7 WHEREAS, Many youth currently carry responsibilities that
8 require a job due to financial challenges; and

9 WHEREAS, College expenses are constantly increasing, as
10 funding for all schools is cut; and

11 WHEREAS, Parents alone cannot always be expected to pay the
12 high costs of college; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 70% of unemployed young people are
14 African-American or Hispanic; and

15 WHEREAS, Congress has cut more than \$300 million from the
16 employment and job training program; and

17 WHEREAS, Even a minimum wage job for the summer is a
18 significant boost to the long-term employment prospects for
19 high school students; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 the House of Representatives calls on all public and private
23 high schools to form relationships with local businesses in
24 order to offer part-time jobs to students from local high
25 schools; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives calls on public

1 and private high schools to consider implementing or
2 strengthening existing work skill programs for all of their
3 students to prepare them for the workplace; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives calls on the
5 business community to make a special effort in the summer of
6 2005 to offer jobs to high school students, especially those
7 under the age of 18; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives calls on all
9 local governments and the State government to make a special
10 effort to hire young people as summer employees.